

The Van Saun House  
Howland Avenue  
Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Owner: J. C. Van Saun

Date of Erection: Middle eighteenth century

Architect:

Builder: A member of the Van Saun family

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame  
construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster on  
lath

Roof - pitch, wood shingles

Historical Data:

The Van Sauns are an old Bergen County family. The first of the family was Jacob Van Zauwen who came to America and settled in New Amsterdam in 1677. He was a native of Ransdorp, Holland. One of his sons, Jacob Van Saun, came to Hackensack in 1705 and married Rachael Bogert. He purchased lands in the Paramus district where he settled. The property still remains in the hands of the family.

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According to tradition, there was formerly a mill connected with this homestead. It appears that the Van Seuns were grist millers. An old mill pond still remains as evidence. Up until the time of the War of the Rebellion, the mill was a paying proposition; there followed a period of decay. Then about fifty years ago the mill and dam were repaired and operated until five years ago when the mill was burned.

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